January 26, 2025 Epiphany 3

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, to Christians from every tradition, and to people new to the faith.

Welcome to you who have no church home, or who want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not know for sure what you believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

We welcome your questions and your beliefs

Welcome to Lebanon All are welcome in this place

Readings for today: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21.

Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40. Try reading these ahead at home and see if you can find what holds them together.

We need a volunteer reader for Sundays.

Did you know

.....that you can always watch recent worship services on our website, and find the Yellow Pages for each week there too?

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

Worship on the Web & in person - Sundays at 10:15am

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates when they occur.

Prayer Concerns and Announcements

It is an important part of our ministry to be constantly praying for one another. We add names to the prayer list with consent in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality.

Prayers for those who are homebound:

Our Minister

Helen Bartlett, at daughter Carol Roods' home now.

5337 W. McMillan, N. Muskegon 49445

Mary Bernhardt, at Robinswood Assisted Living #115 (Kay Snell) 2650 Ruddiman, N. Muskegon 49445

Jane Blyth, 28801 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 332; Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081

Chris Claus, American House - 17383 174th Avenue, Spring Lake, MI 49456

Karl Glass, @ Edison Christian Health Care Center, 1000 Edison St., Grand Rapids, MI 49504. Room #382.

Shirley Glass, with health concerns, 3232 Richmond NW, Walker, MI 49534

Marlene Holmstrom, at home. 2643 Benston Road, Whitehall, 49461

Ken & Sandy Kolb, with health issues - 6755 W. Old Channel Trail; Montague 49437

Elaine Liska, Sunrise Senior Living—Sunrise of Troy; 6870 Crooks Road, Troy, MI 48098-1704. Elaine Liska—Room 130.

Phyllis Monte, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461

Ruth Nurmi, with health concerns—308 E. Dayton Street, Fremont, 49412

Barb Smith, at Legacy of Caring - Whitehall—1302 Warner Street, Whitehall 49461

Special Prayer Concerns:

Cindy Albert, implant surgery for sleep apnea

Brianne Beekman, (Terry & Mary Beekman's granddaughter) diagnosed with multiple brain tumors.

Lucas Carlson, (Terry and Mary Beekmans grandson) for new treatment.

Sheila Fretty, re-occurring cancer.

Elin Frietsch, diagnosed with Lymphoma

Margaret Fountain, (Mary Koenen's sister) diagnosed with multiple myeloma suffered a relapse and waiting on new treatments. Prayers are urgently needed.

Lon Grover, (Lucinda Grover's brother) with health concerns.

Frank Hollister, for continued healing

Dottie Holmblade, (Brian Holmblade's sister) for no side effects from chemotherapy restarted for cancer diagnosis

Dwight Mead (Paula Moreau's brother-in-law), non-hodgkin lymphoma mantel type (stage four).

Irene Parks, with balance issues

Pastor Sarah Samuelson, at home, diagnosed with colorectal cancer

Harry & Yolanta Swiatek; Harry uses a wheelchair and is in a nursing home between Pentwater and Ludington. Yolanta is at the Medilodge of Ludington, 1000 E. Tinkham Ave., Ludington, MI 49431 after a fall resulted in hip & femur fractures.

Linda Umstead, (Carol Norwick's sister), with health issues Paul Vos, (Ken and Sandy Kolb's son-in-law) hearing issues

For our partners in faith, our companion synods in Salud para la Vida in San Pedro Sula, Honduras for their mission and ministry in their place as we fulfill our mission in our place; for all the churches of the Lutheran World Federation, for people of the gospel throughout the world

Each week we pray for one of our members or families. This week we pray for: Tom Foster

Congregational prayers for February 2025: Virginia Foster; Tom & Sheila Fretty; Zackery & Megan Fretty; David & Emma Greenwood



Praying for Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA and Craig Satterlee, Bishop of the Northwest Lower Michigan Syn-

As Jesus calls us to be one even as he and the Father are one, please remember these leaders, and judicatories in prayer on Sunday mornings.-Today we pray for: St. Matthew Lutheran Church/Bridgeport; Rev. Diane Sponheim.

Next week we pray for: Zion Lutheran Church/Cadillac; Rev. Scott Torkko and Rev. Chrisy Bright; Assistant to the Bishop / NWLM Synod.

Hand sanitizer is located at several stations as well as masks

Masks in the church building are optional

Adult Forum at 9:00 am. Coffee will be on! Please join us each Sunday!

Last Week at Lebanon

Budget	1,015.00
Non-Budget	710.00
In & Outs	90.00
Total Deposit	1,815.00
Fund of the Month - January/Quilting	330.00

Thank you for your support this year!

Food Pantry Numbers for January 22:

families & individuals.

NOTE: NEW PANTRY HOURS ARE 9:30 AM TO 10:30 AM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DONATE RIGHT FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE

Giving through our Vanco Mobile app is an easy and convenient way to donate to our church. It only takes a moment to set up and account:

- 1. Download the free Vanco Mobile app from the App store or Google Play.
- 2. Find our Church by searching for our Church name: Lebanon Lutheran Church
- 3. Donate: to the General Fund

Thank you for your generosity!

Take home - Prayer Ventures January/February 2025

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 26 Ask God to help us follow Christ's example, being humble, kind, loving, merciful, attentive to our neighbors and quick to respond to their needs.
- 27 Remember in prayer youth, adults and families involved in service learning and mission trips throughout the year. Pray that they might share the gospel, serve their neighbors in need, participate in the work of global companions and ecumenical partners, and respond to the unique contexts and needs of communities.
- 28 Remember in prayer neighbors and siblings in Christ who suffer poverty, homelessness and hunger, that their hope will be sustained, their daily needs met and their human dignity respected.
- 29 "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart" (Psalm 19:7-8). Give thanks for the word of God, for it is trustworthy and restores us, imparts wisdom, and stirs joy and gratitude in our hearts.
- 30 Pray for an end to conflicts and violence in the world, including in our own communities. Ask the Spirit to inspire and equip us to be peacemakers and bearers of hope.
- 31 Give thanks for Women of the ELCA (WELCA) and its ministry with women to encourage bold and active faith in Jesus Christ, promote healing and wholeness, address injustices, discover spiritual gifts, and encourage and equip leaders.
- 1 World Interfaith Harmony Week (U.N.) Ask the Spirit to help congregations create opportunities for dialogue and learning with people whose religious beliefs and traditions are different from our own, for the sake of peace, harmony, cooperation and mutual understanding.



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Margaret is looking for vacation coverage for March 31, April 1, 2, and 3.

If you are able to help, please let Margaret know at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

This Week's Calendar

1/26 SUN	9am 10:15am Noon	Adult Forum/ Bell Choir practice Communion Potluck & Annual Meeting
1/27 MON	9am-1pm 10;30am	Office Hours Quilting
1/28 TUES	9am-1pm	Office Hours
1/29 WED	9am-1pm 9:30am-10:30am	Office Hours Food Pantry
1/30 THURS	9am-1pm 6pm	Office Hours Craft Group (Upper Hall)
1/31 FRI		Office Closed
2/1 SAT		

Next Sunday, February 2, 2025

9am Adult Forum /Bell Choir 10:15am Communion 3:30pm Scouts

Bell Choir practice - February 2nd and 9th.

Kids Hooked on Fishing - entire building 2/8/25 8 am-3pm

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Websites of Interest

www.lebanonlutheranchurch.com

www.mittensynod.org

www.elca.org

www.whitelakescouting.com

www.whitelakechorale.com

www.hopescarves.org

LivingLutheran.org.

www.samaritas.org

Suicide Hotline 1-800-273TALK.org www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmh suicide prevention

Every Woman's Place 231-722-3333 or www.everywomansplace.org

The Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people.